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Prior Application Art Unit: 1733 Prior Application Examiner: Knable, G.

SIR: This is a request for filing a

Continuation  Continuation-in-Part  Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/219,422, filed December 23, 1998, of Renato CARETTA et al. for A METHOD FOR MAKING TIRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS

1.  Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Oath or Declaration and drawings, incorporating changes from previous amendments. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/219,422, as originally filed on December 23, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2.  Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3.  Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
4.  Cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 21-26.
5.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
6.  The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 5 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee				\$710	\$ 710.00
	Number of Claims	Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	20	-	20	0	x \$18 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	0	x \$80 0.00
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Subtotal					\$ 710.00
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7.  A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

8.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

9.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:  
--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/219,422, filed December 23, 1998; additionally, Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) - (d) based on patent application No. 97830731.2, filed December 30, 1997, in the European Patent Office; further, Applicant claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on prior-filed, copending provisional application No. 60/098,376, filed August 28, 1998, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; the contents of both of which are relied upon and incorporated herein by reference.--

10.  New formal drawings are enclosed.

11.  The prior application is assigned of record to: PIRELLI PNEUMATICI S.p.A.

12.  Priority of European Patent Application Serial No. 97830731.2, filed on December 30, 1997, in the European Patent Office is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy  
 is enclosed or  is on file in the prior application.

13.  A verified statement claiming small entity status  
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14.  The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following:  
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15.  The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.

16.  Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

17.  Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852**.

18.  Recognize as associate attorney \_\_\_\_\_

19.  Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION.** If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, Serial No. 09/219,422, filed December 23, 1998, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an

extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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